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### IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 17. (Canceled)
18. (Original) An outboard motor comprising:
  - a midsection having at least one midsection cover;
  - the midsection cover having a first contour defining a first volume between the midsection and the midsection cover;
  - a first silencer filling a majority of the first volume;
  - an engine disposed adjacent the midsection;
  - an engine cover having a second contour and defining a second volume; and
  - a second silencer disposed in the second volume between the engine and the engine cover and molded to substantially match the contour of the cover.
19. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 wherein the first silencer is comprised of a material having a density that is greater than a density of a material of the second silencer.
20. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 19 wherein the density of the material of the first silencer is at least fourteen pounds per cubic foot.
21. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 19 wherein the density of the material of the second silencer is at least two pounds per cubic foot.
22. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 wherein the second silencer further comprises a recess having a contour that generally matches a contour of the engine.
23. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 wherein the first and the second silencer are waterproof.

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24. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 23 wherein the first silencer is more waterproof than the second silencer.
25. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 22 wherein a variable distance is maintained between a surface of the recess and a surface of the engine.
26. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 further comprising a second midsection cover having a contour defining a third volume between the second midsection cover and the midsection and having a third silencer disposed therein.
27. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 26 wherein the third silencer has a contour that substantially matches a contour of the third volume.
28. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 27 wherein the third silencer is comprised of a material having a density that is greater than a density of the second silencer.
29. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 incorporated into a watercraft.
30. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 wherein the outboard motor emits approximately 83 decibels while operated at approximately 4600 RPM.
31. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 wherein the outboard motor emits approximately 89 decibels while operated at approximately 5400 RPM.
32. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 wherein the outboard motor emits approximately 55 decibels while operated at approximately 500 RPM.
33. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 18 wherein the outboard motor emits approximately 79 decibels while operated at approximately 3450 RPM.
34. - 40. (Canceled)

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41. (Original) An outboard motor comprising:  
an engine attached to a midsection;  
a cover disposed about the engine and enclosing a volume therebetween; and  
a vibro-acoustic treatment disposed within the volume and molded to substantially match a shape of the volume.
42. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 41 further comprising a first lower unit cover constructed to enclose a portion of the midsection and define a volume therebetween.
43. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 42 further comprising another vibro-acoustic treatment molded to substantially match the volume between the first lower unit cover and the midsection.
44. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 43 further comprising a second lower unit cover constructed to enclose another portion of the midsection and defining a volume therebetween and a third vibro-acoustic treatment molded to substantially match the volume between the second lower unit and the midsection.
45. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 44 wherein the midsection is circumferentially enclosed by the vibro-acoustic treatments positioned thereabout.
46. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 41 wherein the vibro-acoustic treatment is integrally formed and has an exterior surface that has a density that is greater than a density of an interior surface.
47. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 46 wherein the exterior surface of the vibro-acoustic treatment is non-absorbent.
48. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 41 wherein the vibro-acoustic treatment has an average density of at least two pounds per cubic foot.
49. (Original) An outboard motor comprising:

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an upper motor cover disposed about an engine;  
a lower motor cover disposed about a midsection and forming a volume therebetween; and  
a molded lower silencer having a shape that substantially matches a shape of the volume, the molded lower silencer being disposed in the volume.

50. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 49 further comprising another lower motor cover disposed about the midsection and enclosing a volume therebetween.

51. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 50 further comprising another molded lower silencer having a shape that substantially matches a shape of the volume between the another lower cover and the midsection.

52. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 49 wherein the molded lower silencer has a density of approximately twenty-two pounds per cubic foot.

53. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 49 further comprising a molded upper silencer having a shape that substantially matches a shape of a volume between the upper motor cover and the engine.

54. (Original) The outboard motor of claim 53 wherein the molded upper silencer has a density of at least four pounds per cubic foot.